



Dearest Sisters,

On June 19<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 p.m., in the community of Cidade Regina, São Paulo, Brazil, our sister passed away peacefully, accompanied by the prayers and affection of her sisters

**QUARTIERO Sr. MARIA DE LOURDES**  
**born in Sombrio, Santa Catarina, Brazil on July 27, 1937**

We remember her welcoming face, always ready to smile; her deep, clear blue eyes that conveyed her joy and enthusiasm for the mission, her love for Pauline spirituality, and her desire to promote and nurture it.

Sr. M. de Lourdes entered the congregation in Porto Alegre at the age of fourteen on January 25, 1951. At the conclusion of her novitiate year, she made first profession on June 30, 1958, in the São Paulo DM (Divine Master) community. She was then assigned to the busy shipping department and later to the book center in Recife. At the end of another period of study and formation, she made her perpetual profession of vows in the São Paulo DM community on June 30, 1963.

At the large and dynamic Pauline book center in Fortaleza, Sr. M. de Lourdes experienced firsthand the pressing need to proclaim the Word of God and the importance of working alongside well-prepared lay collaborators to multiply apostolic efforts and broaden their impact. Despite the many and varied responsibilities entrusted to her, her heart always remained close to the book center apostolate, and she always returned to it with great enthusiasm. Sr. M. de Lourdes will always be remembered as the tireless coordinator of the book centers in Porto Alegre and São Luís, deeply appreciated by lay collaborators for her warm and approachable manner, as well as for her competence and leadership. Committed to ongoing formation, she continued to expand her knowledge throughout her life, drawing on the solid philosophical and theological foundation she had acquired through university studies and her enduring love of learning.

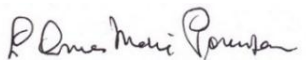
Sr. M. de Lourdes is remembered as a superior with a kind and generous heart, deeply hospitable and attentive to others. The communities of Recife, Niterói, Porto Alegre, and Fortaleza were blessed by her sensitive presence, her concern for each person, her openness to communion and collaboration, and her commitment to finding new ways to bring the Gospel to all. On two occasions, in 1978 and again in 1999, she was appointed provincial councilor and provincial secretary. Thanks to her expertise in financial matters and her farsighted vision for the province, Sr. M. de Lourdes served as local bursar and, from 1990 to 1993, as provincial bursar. It was in this capacity that she participated in the international meeting of provincial bursars organized by the General Government. In 2005, she had the opportunity to participate in the month-long spiritual exercises focused on deepening the apostolic spirituality of *Donec Formetur Christus in Vobis*, an experience she welcomed as a great gift.

In 2015, she was appointed administrative director of the house of prayer connected to the Cidade Regina community. Fragile health obliged her to step down from this responsibility in 2017, though she continued to offer her assistance in the administrative offices in São Paulo and, in recent years, through various services to the Cidade Regina community. Severe scoliosis gradually prevented her from standing upright and increased her need for assistance. In addition, Parkinson disease progressively limited her movement and physical independence.

We thank this dear sister for spreading the joy of the Gospel among us and for showing us, through her life, the transforming power of love.

Affectionately,

Rome, June 20, 2026



Sr. Anna Maria Parenzan